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Mt. Gilead High School, R. C. Cox, Principal: The following changes or advances have been made since last annual report. The principal employed for twelve months; two adjoining districts added for this year with a view to consolidation. A third teacher for high school department provided for; International Encyclopedia added to the library. The teaching force is much stronger than last year.

THE N. E. A. MEETING

IT is time to begin thinking and planning about going to Cleveland, Ohio, February 23 to 28. These are the dates for the semi-centennial meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A.

This ought to be, and undoubtedly will be, one of the most worth-while educational meetings of the year. The N. E. A. is the official body representing the hundreds of thousands of teachers, superintendents and school workers all over the United States. This winter meeting of the Department of Superintendence has come to be the liveliest part of the larger organization.

The representation of school men from North Carolina has been steadily growing every year and we ought to have a larger delegation than ever present this year. Keep these dates in mind. Plan your work so you can go. Ask your board to meet your expenses; it is a good investment for them and for you.—L. A. W.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH

THE next session of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States will be held in Louisville, Ky., Dec. 4th and 5th, according to the announcement recently sent out by Professor Charles G. Maphis, President of the Association. This meeting was originally scheduled to be held in New Orleans the last week in October. When the Executive Committee decided to postpone the meeting to a later date, it was found necessary, on account of the crowded hotel conditions in New Orleans, also to change the place of meeting, and Louisville was chosen. On account of the epidemic of influenza no meeting was held last year.

A matter of considerable importance in connection with the Louisville meeting will be the organization of the Commission on Colleges appointed at the last meeting of the Association to study college standards in the South and to report on same with a view to agreeing upon some basis of classification. This

Commission will undertake to do for higher education what the Commission on Accredited Schools has done and is doing for secondary education in the South.

The Commission on Accredited Schools, following its usual custom, will meet a day in advance of the Association. Reports from all schools now accredited by the Commission, together with applications from non-accredited schools that wish to be accredited will be called for in November.

BOOK NOTES AND REVIEWS

Sentences and Thinking. By Foerster, Norman and Steadman, J. M., Jr. Pages, iv + 121. Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston, 1919. 75 cents.

This little book, which is designed for the use of college freshmen or high school seniors, affords a remarkably clear and succinct review of the essential matters in English composition. It differs from other such books, not only by omitting both the grammatical labyrinths through which the student has already travelled and the heights of stylish discussion on which he cannot advance, but by giving him on middle ground a guidance which is reasonable rather than arbitrary. Thus, Chapter I, "Sentences and Punctuation," proceeds from the familiar doctrine that punctuation is intended to "make the meaning of the sentence clear to the reader," and allows that doctrine to shed far more light on the subject than it usually does in a text-book. Chapter II, "Sentences and Thinking," deals similarly with the logical principles of subordination, parallelism, emphasis, and economy, and exposes the radical sin of vagueness. Chapter III, "Summary Sentences," teaches the student how to think clearly for himself through practice in grasping and condensing the thought of others. Throughout all the chapters, illustrative matter is used which has value either because it is akin to the student's own mode of thought or because it arrests his attention by intrinsic interest and piquancy.—H. M. D.

La Belgique Triomphante: Ses Luites, ses Souffrances,—sa Liberte. Par L'Abbe Joseph Larsimont. Assistant Directeur du Bureau Belge de New York. Cloth. Illustrated. ix—311 pages. Price \$1.40 cents. World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, New York.

A timely and interesting illustrated elementary reader, with exercises and vocabulary, for the use of beginners in French who have mastered the fundamentals of grammar. It gives a comprehensive account of Belgian history from the time of Caesar to the present day. Famous cities and their buildings, descriptions of celebrated works of art, the legends of the country, biographies of renowned Belgians, and interesting episodes from the history of the recent war are attractively combined to furnish the American student an interesting account of the Belgians of today and yesterday. Each lesson is provided with exercises for use in oral or written work, a complete vocabulary, map, a descriptive table of the proper names occurring in the text and several songs with music.